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FOLLOWING DAMASCUS 513 ACTION CAIRO INFO SECSTATE TEL AVIV
APR 30TH.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 0513

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A KISSINGERWLN SY

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR SECSTATE VISIT

1. EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON (APRIL 30) FOREIGN MINISTRY
PROTOCOL CHPEF NAHLAWI ASKED ME TO HIS OFFICE FOR A
GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND PARTICU-
LARLY THE MATTER OF THE SCHEDULE.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT APPEARS THAT THE SECRETARY
WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE GUEST HOUSE FROM THE
AIRPORT. AFTER ABOUT A 15 MINUTE REST BREAK, THE SECRE-
TARY WILL GO ON TO THE PALACE FOR HIS FIRST WORKING
SESSION WITH THE PRESIDENT. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES NOT PLAN TO
MAKE ANY SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN VIEW OF THE GOOD
POSSIBILITY THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE SHUTTLING BACK
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AND FORTH BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND TEL AVIV AT LEAST

FOR ONE ROUND.

3. NAHLAWI INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT PROTOCOL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME IDEA IF AND WHEN MRS KISSINGER WILL BE ARRIVING SO AS TO PLAN A SCHEDULE FOR HER OR FOR ZOTH DR KISSINGER AND MRS KISSINGER TOGETHER. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS GIVING CONSIDERATION IN PRINCIPLE TO A VISIT TO THE OMayAD MOSQUE, TO DAMASCUS MUSEUM AS WELL AS TO PALMYRA. IN ADDITION, IF MRS KISSINGER SO DESIRES A VISIT TO THE SOUK CAN ALSO BE ARRANGED SEPARATELY. I INDICATED TO MR NAHLAWI THAT THESE IDEAS SOUND EXCELLENT AND THAT I WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH AS SOON AS I HAD FIRM INDICATION AS TO MRS KISSINGER'S PLANS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE SECRETARY FOLLOWING THE SHUTTLE PHASE.

4. FOR THE REST OF THE PARTY NO DEFINITE SCHEDULE IS FORTHCOMING. WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW, HOWEVER, IS IF THE GROUP WILL BE HAVING LUNCH EITHER IN TEL AVIV OR IN THE AIR PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS ON FRIDAY. MY CONTROL OFFICER LEE WAS TALKING TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACT, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MOST OF THE ARRANGEMENTS, AND THINGS SEEM TO BE HEADINTOWARDS A LUNCH FOR THE PRESS AND DIGNITARIES AFTER THEY LAND, DEPENDING ON THE ARRIVAL TIME. IN ANY EVENT WE ARE NOT PRESSING THE ISSUE AND ARE ONLY GUIDING THE FONOFF WHEN AND WHERE WE CAN. THEREFORE, INFORMATION ABOUT LUNCHEON PLANS, IF ANY, PRIOR TO ARRIVAL WILL BE MOST HELPFUL, AS WELL AS MRS KISSINGER'S PLANS IF THEY HJVE BEEN FIRMED UP.
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